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The Paster Speaks

"A NEW YEAR PROMISE"

Gen. 15:1 "Fear not Abram; I am thy shield and exceeding great reward".

The Lord said to Abram, "Fear not" (Gen. 15:1). This is the first time this particular expression occurs in the Bible. Abram had just returned from his great victory over the Kings of the North, (Gen. 14). With his little army of 318 servants he had vanquished the greatly superior forces of the enemy. Abram had reason to fear that these Kings would seek revenge and reorganize their armies to return in retaliation for their humbling defeat. It is then that God comes to Abram and says, "fear not" and he gives the reason. "I am thy shield!" A shield is held in front of the soldier to ward the attack of the enemy. God promises to go before Abram as a shield to protect him. This is the cure for fear - to rest in faith upon the promise of our Lord's protection.

The expression "fear not", I am told, occurs 365 times in the Bible. So there is one "fear not" for every day of the coming year. Some years ago a friend said to me "On the first day of each year I select one precious promise from the Word as my motto for the next 365 days. Each morning I repeat this verse and believe it and it saves me from fear all day long." Yes, the cure for "fear" is faith in God's promise. I recommend that today you select a personal promise from the Word, and make it your start for each new day. There are thousands to choose from. I will suggest only a few. There is: Deut. 33:25, "As thy day, so shall thy strength be", or Matt. 28:20 "Lo I am with you alway"; or John 14:1; Rom. 8:28; or Job 23:10. My choice for the year is "Fear not - I am thy shield".

Remain behind the shield of God's protection and you're safe, "Fear not" for if you do you're not trusting in him! You cannot be optimistic if you have a "misty optic". Use the eye of faith.

God gives you faith this coming year!

A faith that will not fail in keenest test,
That trust and sings that God is stay and shield,
And so relies upon his Word and rest.

Earnie W. Lucas: Pastor
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Appomattox, Va.

The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for January 7, 1973, The New Covenant

Scripture: Jeremiah 31; 32; 36-41

I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Jeremiah 31:33

The people of Israel had broken their covenant with God so completely that it could not be patched or mended. The northern kingdom, of which Jeremiah was writing is much of the prophecy in what are now designated Chapters 30 and 31, had been conquered by Assyria a century before and the bulk of its people taken into exile. In a period of Assyrian decline which gave the able king of Judah, Josiah, the opportunity to assert an independence his nation had not known in years, this ruler brought into his domain a considerable part of what had been the northern kingdom of Israel. The weakening of Assyria and the rising strength of Judah under Josiah encouraged the hope that the exiles from the northern kingdom would have the opportunity to return to their ancient homeland.

Josiah not only embarked upon a program of restoring to Judah its greatness, but he also led in a religious reformation. The discovery of the book of the law, also described as the book of the covenant, in the course of repairs to the Temple which he had initiated inspired Josiah to launch a vigorous campaign to eradicate idolatry and restore the worship of God. It is significant that Josiah persisted in his reformation,although the prophetess Huldah, whose counsel he sought through his advisers, warned that God would bring to pass the judgment pronounced in the newly found book for forsaking Him (the prophecy assured Josiah that he would not see the destruction which would come).

Josiah's reformation came too late, as both Hu[illegible] and Jeremiah saw, to [illegible]ve effectual and lasting to reverse permanently the [illegible]end to evil and idolatry. Religious reformation could not at this juncture restore or repair the broken covenant. The people had become so attached to the way of life contrary to the standards of the covenant that they would readily revert to it once the righteous and godly influence of Josiah was removed. Forgotten was the commitment made by their fathers when they were in the wilderness at Sinai, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient."

When an agreement or bargain - a covenant - made between contracting parties, unless it is broken by mutual agreement, the aggrieved party usually refuses to enter into a new contract with the party responsible for breaking it. Among men, when an agreement is broken, either a new agreement must be made, or the once contracting parties sever relations. When God's people broke the covenant they had made with Him, God could either cast them off entirely and sever all relationship with them, or He could propose a new covenant.

From the insight God gave him into the Divine nature and purpose, Jeremiah declared that God would "make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah," convincing evidence of His love for the people He had chosen to be His witness in the world. It would not be like the covenant which God had made with their ancestors in the wilderness of wandering, after he had brought them out of slavery in Egypt, the covenant the descendants had broken by forsaking God to worship idols and by breaking Divinely ordained laws to indulge their own selfish and sinful desires.

The new covenant would not be an outward agreement between God and a nation, but an inward agreement between God and the individual. No more would the children's teeth be set on edge because their fathers ate sour grapes, but "each man who eats sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge." Keeping the new covenant would spring from one's inner commitment to God, which in turn would come from knowing God. The new covenant, under which God redeems every person who comes in commitment to Him through His Son, is available today, without restriction, everyone who will enter in.

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HOLLYWOOD

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb, Mr. Walker Webb, Mrs. Vara Robertson and son, Kenneth, were dinner guests Christmas Day of Mr. and Mrs. David Repass and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Baldwin visited Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Mrs. Bill Watson and William, Mrs. Charlie Bagby and Miss Julia Wingfield visited in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Woodall and family, Mr. and Mrs. Whit Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Covington and Mr. and Mrs. Walker Woodall Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and family had as their guests for Christmas Day Mr. Webb's brothers and sisters and Mr. and Mrs. Seaboron Adamse and family and Mr. Sam Coleman.

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Webb were guests in this home Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa spent the week end with Mrs. Charlie Bagby. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family. Mrs. W. T. Covington and Mrs. M. L. Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Jennings and family, of Richmond, spent the week end with Mrs. A. G. Hancock and Donald.

Dinner guests Tuesday of Mrs. M. L. Covington were Mrs. W. T. Covington, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and William, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Miss Julia Wingfield and Mrs. Charlie Bagby.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson and Mrs. Alfred Almond called in the Bagby home last week.

Mrs. R. G. Austin visited Mrs. Grover Beasley, Sr. Thursday night. Mrs. Claude Hamlett and Brenda and Mr. Grover Beasley, Jr. and Tye visited Mrs. Beasley Monday.

Dinner guests of Mrs. Charlie Bagby Friday were Mrs. E. T. Ponton of Roanoke, Mrs. Iva Covington, Mrs. M. L. Covington, Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa. Mrs. Carlton Wayne, of Pamplin, visited Mrs. Bagby Saturday.

Mr. Robert Webb and son, John, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb and Walker this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith spent Christmas week end in Richmond with their children, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Smith and family. They spent New Year's week end in Baltimore with their other son, Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Smith.

Mrs. W. T. Covington spent Christmas and New Year's week end with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence.

Mrs. W. H. Wingfield, Mrs. Charlie Bagby and Miss Julia Wingfield visited Mr. and Mrs. James Woodall Thurs. night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Webb and Miss Joyce Webb were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Scruggs Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ruth Tweedy and Mr. Lewis Tweedy were dinner guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins. They also visited Mrs. Addie Jenkins, Mrs. Ber Abbitt and Mrs. Charlie Bagby in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Maxwell and family spent New Year's week end in Richmond with Mr. and Mrs. James Cook and family and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Craje and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Miss Julia Winfield spent Sunday in Roanoke with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wingfield. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Wingfield and Kenneth were also guests in this home.

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RESCUE SQUAD INSTALLS OFFICERS

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serve the people in the coming year.

Ray Noble, outgoing president, presented the award "Crewman of the Year" to Jimmy Rogers, Charter Member of the ACRS and newly elected President.

At this time he thanked members and citizens of the county for the support he had received during his two-year term as President.

Pete Doss, Captain, presented A.A. Bohannon, the first member ever to retire from the squad, with a plaque and he was honored with a "Life Membership" in the squad. Bohannon had been a charter member and was one of three men to answer the first call ever received by the squad after it was organized.

The dinner, catered by Maude's Restaurant, was enjoyed by all attending.

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[illegible]ing - 11 a.m. - 2nd Sun
[illegible]a.m. - 4th Sunday

[illegible]OAN BAPT. CHURCH
[illegible]ward Hughes, Pastor
[illegible]y School - 9:45 a.m.
[illegible]t Lugado - Director
[illegible]ing Union - 6:30 p.m.

[illegible]T SPRING BAPTIST
[illegible].L. Schwemer, Pastor
[illegible]ay School - 10 a.m.
[illegible]ing Worship - 11 a.m.
[illegible]ing Union - 7 p.m.
[illegible]ing Worship - 7:45 p.m.
[illegible]er Meeting - Wed. 7:30
[illegible] Choir Practice - Wed-
[illegible] 8 p.m.
[illegible]ley Cabiness - Director
[illegible]T & THIRD SUNDAYS:
[illegible]ay School - 9:45 a.m.;
[illegible]ching - 10:55 a.m.; Train-
[illegible] Union - 6:30 p.m.
[illegible]ND & FOURTH SUN-
[illegible]S: Sunday School - 9:45
[illegible] Training Union - 6:30
[illegible] Evening Worship - 7:30

[illegible]TH SUNDAY: Sunday
[illegible] - 9:45 a.m.; Training
[illegible] - 6:30 p.m.
[illegible] Preaching.
[illegible] Week Prayer Service
[illegible]nesday - 7:30 p.m.

[illegible]RTY CHAPEL
[illegible] 3, Appomattox, Va.
[illegible] G. Washburn, Pastor
[illegible]er of Services:
[illegible]and 3rd Sundays: Morning
[illegible]hip - 9:45 a.m. Sunday
[illegible] - 10:45 a.m.
[illegible] and 4th Sundays: Sunday
[illegible]ol - 10 a.m.; Morning
[illegible]hip - 11 a.m.
[illegible] Study and Choir Practice
[illegible]day night - 7:30 p.m.

[illegible]ANN'S EPISCOPAL
[illegible]igh Avenue
[illegible] E.M. Peoples, Vicar
[illegible] Morning Prayer and Ser-
[illegible] Church School - Nursery
[illegible]0 Coffee Hour

[illegible]POMATTOX PENTECOS-[illegible] HOLINESS CHURCH
[illegible]day School - 10 a.m.
[illegible]day Worship - 11 a.m.
[illegible]th Service - 6:30 p.m.
[illegible]angelistic Service - Wed-
[illegible]day Night Prayer Meeting-
[illegible] p.m.

[illegible]E CHURCH OF GOD OF [illegible]PHECY
[illegible]day School - 10 a.m.
[illegible]ning Worship - 11 a.m.
[illegible]ning Service - 7:30 p.m.

[illegible]THLEHEM UNITED [illegible]THODIST CHURCH
[illegible]cord, Virginia
[illegible]d Boger, Pastor
[illegible]ne 993-2873
[illegible]day School - 10 a.m.
[illegible]ning Worship - 11 a.m.
[illegible]thodist Youth Fellowship -
[illegible] p.m.
[illegible]hem Junior Choir
[illegible]des 3 thru 6 - 6:45 p.m.
[illegible]dren's Church Service -
[illegible] p.m.
[illegible]h Sanctuary Choir - 7:45
[illegible]
[illegible]DNESDAY
[illegible]yer Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

[illegible]MORIAL UNITED [illegible]THODIST CHURCH
[illegible]ginia Ave. & Court Streets
[illegible] Henry E. Riley, Jr., Pas-
[illegible]
[illegible]rch School 9:45 a.m.
[illegible] - S. Supt. - Ben Wheeler
[illegible]ship - 11 a.m.
[illegible]M.Y.F. - 6:00 p.m.
[illegible]ship - 7:00 p.m.
[illegible]NDAY - Sanctuary Choir -
[illegible] p.m.

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH
Richard C. Brackin, Pastor
Appomattox, Virginia
SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Morning Worship - 11 a.m. - Training Union - 6:30 p.m. - Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY - Prayer Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

ELON BAPTIST CHURCH
Pamplin, Virginia
John P. Campbell, Pastor
SUNDAY: Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m. - Youth Choir Practice - 6:30 - Church Training Hour - 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY - 8:00 Prayer Meeting - 8:30 Choir Practice

GLADSTONE MEMORIAL
Gladstone, Virginia
Billy G. Washburn, Pastor
1st and 3rd Sundays: Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. - Morning Worship - 11 a.m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays: Morning Worship 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Every Sunday Night: Evening Worship - 7 p.m. - Choir Practice will follow.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
Youth Meeting - 6:45 p.m.
Choir Practice - 7 p.m.
Evening Service - 7:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY - Prayer Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

GALILEE BAPT. CHURCH
Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Pastor
Sunday School - 10 a.m.
Preaching: 1st Sunday - 11 a.m. - 3rd Sunday - 11 a.m.
Choir Rehearsals: Children's Choir - Each 2nd Sunday immediately following Sunday School; Adult Choir Wednesday at 7 p.m. before each 1st and 3rd Sunday.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Jonnie Murray, Pastor
Appomattox, Virginia
Church School - 9:45 a.m.
J. A. Hamlet - Supt.
Worship - 2nd and 4th Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Youth Choir - rehearsal Thursday - 4:30 p.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT. CHURCH
Rev. Daryl B. Holliday, Pastor
Vera, Virginia
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.
New Members Class 6:30 p.m.
1st and 3rd Sunday Youth Choir - 6:30 p.m.
2nd and 4th Sunday Mission Friends, Children in Action, G.A.'s and Acteens.
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WEDNESDAY - Bible Study and Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Choir Practice 8:00 p.m.

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Choir practice - 2nd and 4th Sundays at 8 p.m. Mrs. Clark Lewis, Director
Charge Prayer Service: 3rd and 4th Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.
W.S.C.S. meets Thursday after the 1st Sunday at 8:00 p.m.

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Lay Leader - Russell Moore
Church School Supt. - Wilson Garrett
Morning Worship - 10 a.m. 2nd and 4th Sundays.
Church School - every Sunday 11 a.m. U.M.Y.F. meets Wednesday 4-5 p.m. Home of Connie Garrett. W.S.C.S. meets Monday after the 2nd Sunday - 8:00 p.m.

OLD CONCORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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Preaching - 11:00 a.m., 2nd and 4th Sundays.
Preaching by Rev. Jim Yount

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Spout Spring, Virginia
Rev. David Boger, Minister
Mr. Douglas Franklin, Lay Assistant
1st and 3rd Sundays: Morning Worship - 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School - 11 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays: Sunday School - 10 a.m. Morning Worship - 11 a.m.
WEDNESDAY - Prayer Meeting - 7:30 p.m. at Parsonage

APPOMATTOX C. H. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service - 11:00 a.m.
Speaker: Dr. John Hinchcliff
Communion Service
Choir Practice: Wed. night, 7:30 p.m.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Charge Lay Leader - David Martin
Church School Supt. - R. B. Martin
1st Sunday: Morning Worship - 10 a.m. Church School - 11 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sunday: Morning Worship - 11:15 Church School 10 a.m. 3rd and 5th Sunday: Church School - 10 a.m.
U.M.Y.F. Sunday - 7 p.m.
Choir Practice - 1st and 3rd Sunday - 6:00 p.m.
Jackie Cobb, Director
W.S.C.S. meets Thurs. following 2nd Sunday at 8:00 p.m.
W.S.G. meets 1st Monday 8:00p.m.
Charge Prayer Service: 1st and 2nd Wednesday at 8 p.m.

WARNINGS TO ALL PEOPLE OF THE RETURN OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR - "BY THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES GIVEN BY HIM".

There was a surprise in store for the members of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church one Sabbath when Elder Carpenter was Pastor. His friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Franzee from Wildwood, Ga. President of the Wildwood Sanitorium, when they arrived pastor Carpenter asked him to be the guest speaker for the 11 o'clock worship service. Being old time friends of the Carpenters he kindly consented. As his position would indicate he was deeply interested in Medical work as found in Romans 12: he said - is service giving love and sympathy quoting verse 15. "Rejoice with those that rejoice and weep with those that weep."

His main theme was thoughts on the assassination mentioning that of President Kennedys. Also comparing our times with the times before the flood Gen. 6:13 and God said unto Noah, the end of all flesh has come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold I will destroy them with the earth. 2Timothy 3:1 says "This know also, that in the last days perilous time shall come."

This assassin that took the presidents life was inspired by the devil. This man was of a long list of assassins. Cain the first baby born to Adam and Eve, was a murderer. Abel was the first martyr - He mentioned 1 John 3:12 "Not as Cain who was of that wicked one and slew his brother; and wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil and his brothers righteous' 1 John 3:15 says "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer" "There is an increase each year in crime and violence" - continued the minister. In his closing remarks he said "May the spirit of God root up all hate and bitterness out of our hearts. O friends I would hate to be an assassin, but unless we become all like Jesus, we will become all like Satan."

First Things First - said Jesus in Matt. 6:33 "But seek ye first the kingdom of God - and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." This promise will never fail. We cannot enjoy the favor of God unless we comply with the conditions upon which His favor is bestowed. By so doing there will come to us that peace contentment, and wisdom that the world can neither give nor take away . . . A humble mind and a grateful heart will elevate us above petty trials and real difficulties. The less earnest energetic and vigilant we are in service for the master the more will the mind dwell on self. Magnifying molehills in to mountains of difficulty . . . Each actor in history stands in his lot and place; for God's great work after His own plan will be carried out by men who have prepared themselves to fill positions for good or for evil. In opposition to righteousness men become instruments of unrighteousness. But they are not forced to take this course of action. They need not to take instruments of unrighteousness any more than Cain needed to. God is saying to all of us today - to the youths as well as the aged - Let them look to Christ as a pattern after which they are to be fashioned. The holy ambition that He revealed in His life they are to cherish - an ambition to make the world better for their having lived in it. This is the work to which we are all called.

You want to live now so to relate yourself to society and to life, that you may answer the purpose of God in your creation. May we all through this new year of 1973 become more serious minded about the "Signs of the Time" knowing that each day brings us nearer the end of all things earthly and that time is running out. This is my daily prayer - That we may be ready to go home with Jesus when He comes.

Mrs. Annie R. Fore,
PR Secretary for the
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